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SUBJECT: CU/ARTS: LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (LAPO):  
TRAVEL VIENNA - BUDAPEST

REF: BUDAPEST 2966, STATE 210497

1. IT OCCURRED TO US AFTER SENDING BUDAPEST 2966 THAT FURTHER CLARIFICATION MAY BE DESIRABLE ABOUT THE REASONS WHY AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AT THE FLEISCHMANN-LYNCH H4 INTERKONCERT MEETING THAT TRAIN TRAVEL WAS THE MOST DESIRABLE FOR LAPO BETWEEN VIENNA AND BUDAPEST.

2. THE REASON WAS AS MUCH THE CONVENIENCE OF ORCHESTRA MEMBERS AND THE RELIABILITY OF THE TRAIN IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, AS IT WAS FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

3. THE SZABADSAG HOTEL IN BUDAPEST IS DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE TRAIN STATION. THIS WOULD SAVE ORCHESTRA MEMBERS A 45 MINUTE BUS RIDE FROM THE AIRPORT.

4. SINCE PASSPORT AND CUSTOMS CLEARANCE ARE COMPLETED WHILE THE TRAIN IS IN TRANSIT, A MINIMUM OF ONE HOUR OF STANDING IN LINE AND WAITING AT THE BUDAPEST AIRPORT FOR PASSPORT CONTROL CAN ALSO BE ELIMINATED.

5. BECAUSE SPECIAL CARS WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE BUDAPEST TRAIN FOR LAPO MEMBERS, ARRIVAL AT THE TRAIN  
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STATION 20 MINUTES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE WILL BE SUF-

FICIENT, THUS REDUCING BY AT LEAST 40 MINUTES THE  
CHECK-IN-TIME REQUIRED AT THE VIENNA AIRPORT.

6. FINALLY, TRANSFER TIME FROM THE VIENNA HOTEL TO  
THE WESTBANHOF TRAIN STATION REQUIRES AT LEAST 30  
MINUTES LESS THAN THE LONG TRIP TO SCHWECHAT WHERE  
THE VIENNA AIRPORT IS LOCATED.

7. THUS, IN EXCHANGE FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR'S ADDITIONAL  
TIME FROM HOTEL DOOR TO HOTEL DOOR IF TRAVEL OCCURS BY  
TRAIN, ORCHESTRA MEMBERS GAIN CONSIDERABLE COMFORT  
AND CONVENIENCE, AVOID THREE EXTRA BUS TRANSFERS,  
ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS OF BUS RIDES THROUGH HEAVY CITY  
TRAFFIC AND STANDING IN LINE FOR PASSPORT CONTROL.  
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